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SUBJECT: OCCIDENTIAL WARNING ON ABU MUSA CRUDE

1. DURING PAST WEEK, OCCIDENTAL HAS PLACED CAVEAT ANNOUNCEMENT IN SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS, INCLUDING FINANCIAL TIMES AND INTERNATIONAL HEARLD TRIBUNE, WARNING POTENTIAL BUYERS OF CRUDE FROM BUTTES GROUP'S SHARJAH/IRAN CONCESSION OFF ABU MUSA. OXY STATES THAT SHOULD SUCH OIL BE SOLD, IT WILL QUOTE AVAIL ITSELF OF ALL LEGAL REMEDIES AS MAY BE AVAIL-ABLE TO OCCIDENTIAL, AND AS ARE DESIRABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THEN OBTAINING. END QUOTE.

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2. BOTH U.S. AND BRITISH COURTS DECLINED TO ASSUME JURISDICTION IN PREVIOUS SUITS BROUGHT AGAINST BUTTES BY OXY. THE COURTS' POSITIONS IN THESE INSTANCES, HOWEVER, WERE BASED UPON AN UNWILLINGNESS TO RULE ON A DISPUTE CONCERNING TITLE TO FOREIGN OIL EXPLORATION CONCESSION AND AS SUCH FALLING UNDER JURISDICTION OF FOREIGN COURT. SHOULD ABU MUSA OIL AT SOME FUTURE DATE APPEAR IN U.S. OR U.K. AS REAL PROPERTY, OXY MIGHT AGAIN INSTITUTE LEGAL ACTION, AND WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY INDICATIONS ADDRESSEES MAY RECEIVE AS TO ITS INTENTIONS ALONG THESE LINES. ROGERS

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